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Ch. # 23807

**Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P.O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804**

Re: OPERC 9 Sand, Reservoir A
Lake Sand Field
Iberia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Operc 9 Sand, Reservoir A, Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Operc 9 Sand, Reservoir A, Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana and create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 220 acres.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned, tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed unit set forth in No. 1 above, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate an operator and a unit well for the proposed unit set forth in No. 1 above.
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

The Operc 9 Sand, Reservoir A, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand found between the depths of 16,386 feet and 16,453 feet measured depth (15,916 feet TVD and 15,972 feet TVD) in the ExxonMobil State Lease 3209 No. 3 well located in Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 7 East, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

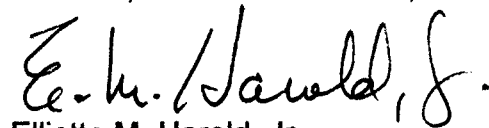
No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it was not held. Thus, no opposition is expected at the hearing in this matter.

All pertinent data is available **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Mr. Charles G. Smith, 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, (205)767-2240.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the proposed unit. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and all Interested Parties to whom copies of this proposal are being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to obtain a complete list. In accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, a copy of the list and plat are not being sent to each individual but a copy of the list and/or plat will be furnished upon request to anyone receiving this notice. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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Cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager

Interested Owners
Represented Parties
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